

Garden

By ROLLY LANGLEY

A lot of you greenhousers didn't plant tomato seeds and will be shopping this month for plants to set out. In spite of general experiences with them in Central California, there still seems to be considerable interest in beefsteaks. Maybe that's a hangover from rationing, and people want something cheap in the way of meat—even if it's only a tomato with a rare name.

Anyway, don't fall for that name. Beefsteak tomatoes are now strictly outmoded. You can do better with either Earliana or Victor, both so far as time and quality are concerned.

I was talking with John Tiedemann the other day, when the discussion turned to quality tomatoes. Mr. Tiedemann is an authority, and buyer of canned foods in large volume. "The big secret in getting quality in canned tomatoes," he said, "is the canner's selection of the people who make their living growing and packing tomatoes. Think the Pearson is their best bet; you should keep it in mind when shopping for your garden transplants."

We'll see just how the Pearl Harbor comes out. I have a hunch it's going to be a big home garden favorite. Naturally, the Earliana and Victor nurseries will have that one this season—so you'd better stick to these three: Earliana, Victor and Improved Pearson.

J. Benjamin Kentfield is this appointed in his Christmas duties. He moves it from outdoors inside about Oct. 1, and it never blooms. This plant needs considerable water and warmth. The ideal potting mixture for it (also called "cactus")—an inorganic loam for such a plant—is 2 parts loam, 1 part each of sand, peat moss and No. 1 dried cow manure, with a tea spoonful of bone meal to every five inch pot. If these conditions are met, then provide the plant with as uniform temperature as possible. Could be it would be better to keep in the house all the time. . . . With plenty of light, but none direct sun.

Mrs. Blanche E. Robinson of Sacramento writes: "I have a plant called banana shrub. It is covered with black mold. I sprayed it with a fungicide and with Bordeaux mixture. Neither spray did any good, but the plant has all fall off. Now what shall I do?"

(The fungicide containing copper should be enough to stop the mold. Now that the plant has no leaves, I'd suggest making up a new solution of it, getting a brush and scrubbing the shrub with it.)

She also asks: "I find two names for the Bird of Paradise. No. 1, Strelitzia reginae, and No. 2, Poinciana gilliesii. Are there two varieties? . . . Are aucuba japonica and nandina shrubs also loving?"

As to the last question, the answer is yes. They both like shade. "Bird-of-Paradise" is a common name applied to two plants widely separated, and not related. The Strelitzia is a bushy perennial with remarkably showy flowers at about three feet. Poinciana gilliesii is a bush with small feathery leaves. Its flowers are also very showy, but in no way resemble Strelitzia.

Speaking of showy flowers is enough to remind us all that the "big show" — Poinciana reginae — only three weeks away. Make your plans now to see it at least once during the run Apr. 25-May 4.

"Wash you could see one of the Portuguese roses," writes Mary F. Watt of Morgan Hill. It is just beginning to bloom and I have never seen anything so beautiful—especially in a fan shape about five feet high and 12 feet wide.

Mrs. M. L. Harris of Piedmont has planted celery root year after year and got nothing but long ovals. "Why," she asks, "is it that I should be growing celery itself? Celery root is given the same culture as celery—much moisture and nutrients. You can plant feathery leaves. Fairly heavy soil will be all right for this zesty garden delicacy. . . . And don't crowd the plants closer than one foot.

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The Southern San Mateo committee for the relief campaign, in addition to DeMatteis, was composed of Steve Angiolini, Calvin S. Francis, J. E. Saccione, Victor Canavese, Fred Demattis, John Demattis, Michael Gerbo, Pietro Munari, Silvio Righello and Ralph Ruocco.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Ramirez, 759 Hoover St., Redwood City, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Apr. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Kirby, 557 Grand St., Redwood City, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Apr. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gould, 53 McCormick St., Atherton, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Apr. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Morey, 1 Emilie St., Atherton, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Apr. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Charlock, 388 Arundel Rd., San Carlos, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Apr. 4.

Drive for Relief

The drive to aid the 1,500,000 Jewish survivors in Europe begins May 1. The 1947 Jewish National Relief Fund has set a goal of \$2,500,000 for San Francisco, the Peninsula and Marin. Philip N. Lillenthal Jr. is chairman of the suburban committee.

The campaign chairman, Walter D. Heller, announced that the major work committees have been formed and all have started working. The funds are to be used to large extent for the rehabilitation and resettlement aid for 250,000 Jewish refugees in Europe now in displaced persons camps.

Walkie Talkie

A scheme to beat the bookies by relaying bets immediately after the outcome of races at Paragon track was foiled Thursday when police picked up three men, one of them equipped with a walkie talkie radio set.

The scheme was discovered when the walkie talkie arrangement developed trouble.

One of the trio entered the track with a portable home-made transmitter strapped to his belt. The other two waited in the track parking area in an automobile equipped with a short wave receiver. It was their scheme to receive the flash of a winner from their accomplice inside the track, then rush to a nearby telephone and place a bet with an unsuspecting bookie, a bet that "couldn't go wrong," as they figured.

But when their walkie talkie man made several trips out the gate to adjust the car receiving set, track officers became suspicious, followed, and discovered the equipment.

Sgt. Henry North and Officer Adolph Fernandez of the San Bruno police, Sheriff Arthur Felger and track police made the arrest.

The trio, Charles Reis Jr., 19, (the walking sender), Richard J. Reynolds, 28, and Erastus C. Clinton, 38, were held for Federal Communications Commission investigation. They were given lengthy interrogations, their equipment was seized, and they were released with a warning. Likewise track officials posted their descriptions at all gates with orders to ban their addressees there.

Reis had rigged an antenna in a car which he carried the wiring running down his sleeve.

Reis informed police he had been an amateur radio "ham" and had constructed the set himself. He claimed the arrest came before they could place their first bet.

A like scheme was frustrated at the Santa Anita track the following day of the year with the arrest of several men.

Optimist Club

The Optimist Club organization, which was started with a luncheon meeting last Monday at "The Three Owls," announced Thursday that to date 25 charter members have been signed and that an attendance of 40 is expected at the next meeting to be held on Monday at 12:15 p.m.

Last Monday's meeting, which was the first in a series of meetings to be held before the club is finally chartered, brought out 12 businessmen who wanted to become charter members, and at the meeting, Sid Ziegler, appointed temporary membership chairman and C. A. Wigwig of Sequoia High School was named temporary chairman of the boys' committee.

Any business man who is a resident of Redwood City is invited to join the Optimist Club provided he is not already a member of a service club already established in this city. Regular weekly meetings will be held every Monday at 12:15 p.m. until further notice. The membership will vote on a permanent time and place of the meetings at the same time the election is held.

2147 Collected

A total of \$2147.52 has been collected in Redwood City and Menlo Park for aid to famine-stricken Italy, Louis E. Demattis, chairman of the Southern San Mateo County committee of American Relief for Italy Inc., announced Friday.

The San Mateo County drive was a part of a nationwide campaign to raise funds to aid in the rehabilitation of Italy. The drive closed Mar. 11.

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Two Escape Here

Two boys, held at the county juvenile home for grand theft, escaped last Tuesday for the second time in two weeks, and the attendant in whose charge they were released Wednesday, Chief Probation Officer John S. Cowgill reported.

The boys used the same gag to make their escape, Cowgill said. They knocked a ball over the fence, even if it was a ball, and were permitted to leave the yard to retrieve the ball, they fled.

Cowgill said that when he arrived at the office Wednesday morning, he found on his desk a letter of resignation from Ralph A. Smith, the night attendant, who let the boys out on both occasions.

Smith said that he was resigning effective Apr. 30, and Cowgill added that the resignation would be accepted.

Two weeks ago the boys fled, stole a bicycle in Burlingame, and rode it to their homes in Daly City. They were picked up 38 hours after the escape.

Cowgill explained that the two, 14 and 15 years old respectively, are awaiting transportation after commitment to the California Youth Authority for both grand and petty thefts.

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Big Estate

An estate appraised at \$800,655 was left by Stewart Edward White, the noted author, traveler, and big game hunter, who died in San Francisco on Sept. 18, 1946, according to the inventory filed Monday in the superior court here by Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., as executor.

The estate consisted of securities in the amount of \$734,358; a residence and other real estate in Hillsborough appraised at \$60,000; and \$86,297 in miscellaneous assets, including unpublished manuscripts, objects of art and of scientific interest.

White's will provided a cash bequest of \$50,000 to the "Save the Redwood League" for the purchase of a memorial redwood grove. His collection of African game heads goes to the California Academy of Science in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park; other scientific specimens will go to such museums as can use them.

After remembering several godchildren and friends of the family, one-third of the residue of the estate was left to Mrs. Millicent F. Belknap of Flushing, New York, a sister-in-law, who also receives furniture, silver, jewelry, and other personal possessions acquired by the late Mrs. Elizabeth Calvert White, wife of the author, who died in 1938.

A brother, Harwood White of Santa Barbara, receives the remaining two-thirds of the estate plus White's personal property, his stock in the family lumber company in Grand Rapids, Mich., and portraits of the White family.

Unpublished manuscripts of the famous writer were bequeathed to Mrs. Leslie Kimmel of Laguna Beach, who collaborated with White on many of his latest works.

Wives in Raid!

Wives of Redwood City Exchange Club members last Tuesday checked up on hubby's "night out."

They marched in on the club meeting at Ramon Oaks en masse. Fortunately all husbands were present and accounted for at the surprise inspection, and the meeting continued.

Speaker for the women was Mrs. Lloyd O'Donnell, who awarded pins to neophyte members of the Exchange Club.

Programmed speaker for the evening was George N. Keyton, King's Mountain cattle raiser and member of the board of directors of the Exchange Club.

He predicted that another million and a half must be expended immediately at the Visitation Valley livestock exposition if the signed National Livestock Show is to be conducted this year.

He cited the collapse of tents at last year's show, and said the district would be unable to rent them again. He said the Exchange Club of additional facilities to house the show stock will be undertaken as soon as construction permits can be obtained, he predicted.

Keyton emphasized the importance of the Cow Palace show—the Grand National and the Junior Livestock Show—in improving the California livestock herds. He predicted that the Grand National, which has already eclipsed the Portland and Los Angeles shows, will someday become one of the nation's largest.

Keyton, who raises beef cattle on his King's Mountain ranch, was introduced by Dr. Rollo LaBerge.

Trio Injured

A Redwood City attorney, his wife, mother and 5-year-old daughter were injured when the auto in which they were riding collided with a dump truck at Monterey and Umbarger roads, one mile and half south of San Jose early last Thursday.

They are Alvin R. Isenberg, 38, his wife, Esther, 37, his daughter, Judy, and his mother, Mrs. Anna Isenberg, 60, all of 131 Woodward Ave., Redwood City. They were taken to Community Service Hospital by San Jose Ambulance Co.

All but their daughter Judy, who was seriously hurt, Highway Patrol Sgt. Robert Gallimore said. Two other daughters in the auto, Barbara, 3, and Patricia, 8, escaped injury. Driver of the truck, John E. Osborn, 30, of Rt. 4, Box 399, San Jose, was not hurt.

Mrs. Isenberg was taken to the hospital for possible internal injuries, hospital officials said.

Isenberg told Gallimore that when he saw the truck in his path it was too late to avoid hitting it. He was bound for San Jose.

The accident occurred about 5:40 p.m. as the truck driver was making a left turn into an auto court, his place of residence.

Damage Suit

Evold G. L. Carlson, a Hunter's Point garage who lives in South San Francisco, filed a suit in superior court here Friday for \$31,512 damages as a result of an automobile accident on Nov. 19.

Carlson is suing Robert S. McLeod, a San Francisco driver of the car with which Carlson's car collided. Carlson sustained numerous injuries.

50 Home Permits

Permits were issued yesterday for the construction of 50 homes in the Meadow Glen area of Menlo Park, County Bldg. Insp. A. W. Russell reported Wednesday.

Permits were issued to Meadow Glen Builders, Russell said, and the homes are to be in the \$8500 classification. The homes all will be built on Helen Dr.

Hits Jackpot

When Theo A. Elbert, 31, who is preparing to move into a new home here, grubstaked a couple of prospectors in Canada five years ago during his term in the army he struck it rich.

The Elbert story reads like the made version of Cinderella. In 1942, Elbert, who lived in San Francisco before entering the service, was working on the Alcan Hwy. as a sergeant with the 341st Engineers. He became acquainted with two brothers, Pete and Chuck Schwerdt, who opened up a little restaurant by the side of the road.

The brothers went broke and Elbert came to their rescue. From time to time he threw money into the kitty until the amount reached about \$1000. The brothers once again went broke and Elbert kicked in his money goodby.

Three weeks ago Elbert's mother, Mrs. Maude Howeth of Oakland, heard a radio broadcast which said two brothers who had staked out gold mines in Canada were seeking to raise money to share their wealth with them.

Mrs. Howeth notified her son, who at the time was working as a painter, painting the home of Robert Schellens, Scene Dr. Tales were told to young Elbert that he would be a millionaire. He sweated it out, however, until this week, when the two brothers arrived in San Francisco to pay Elbert. There were no millions waiting for him, but there was a nugget "as big as an Idaho potato."

This was split in two and one piece was presented to Elbert's wife, Muriel, yesterday. The "nugget" is a chunk of quartz, laden with gold and estimated to be worth about \$1000.

In addition, Elbert is to receive 130,000 shares of stock in four different mines. The shares have a par value of between 50 cents and one dollar, Elbert said. He also is to get a certain amount of cash, but details of this have not been worked out as yet. Attorneys are delving into the matter and are trying to arrive at a satisfactory amount.

The mines which the brothers staked out are now financed at approximately \$30,000, Elbert said. They are located in the Yellowknife area of Canada, near the Arctic.

Canadian laws make it necessary to obtain a license before exporting Canadian resources, such as gold, Elbert said. He must wait before he can actually get any of the stock.

Elbert came to Redwood City about three months ago looking for a home. He didn't have enough money to make a down payment. So the Redwood City firm of Vert & Huggard, general contractors, gave him a job as a painter so he could make a down payment. He is now planning to build 252 veterans' homes here.

As soon as Elbert's share of the gold can be brought out of Canada, he said, he will throw away his paint brush and will throw himself into the arms of Vert & Huggard in a contracting venture.

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Elbert, who is the father of a 10-year-old boy, Ted Alvin, received the Silver Star and the Croix de Guerre while in the army.

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Commuter News

By JOE CABOOSE
(Always Last on the Train)
Commuter Anthony B. Doolin has a "beef" against the city. He thinks the city government should do one of two things: either provide an adequate municipal transportation system; or, failing that, provide adequate parking facilities around the depot for outlying commuters who are forced to drive their own cars to and from the trains.

Tony has a point there. And he certainly has a right to "beef" after Thursday morning when he came near exchanging his conservative member of the committee for a pair of wings and just dropped his wife at the depot and was cruising around for a place to park so he, too, could catch the train.

Nothing but a parking lot, with nothing but metered space, would do the trick. The high-way to the high school, 221 Camino West on James to park opposite the high school. Apparently one of those borderline cases where the light was changing and both drivers were "right." Still they collided!

This reminds us of a report heard at the directors' meeting at Roy Fredlund's home last Tuesday night. A recent traffic safety commission meeting was delayed one hour because Ed Flynn, the mortician member of the committee, had to go and pick up the remains of a traffic accident victim.

The egg and I went "round and round" Saturday night, with coloring job so terrible we expect to be sued any minute by the Easter Bunny. Mrs. Caboose usually attends to these details, but she was out of town, finishing touches to the children's Easter wardrobe.

The egg-coloring job started as soon as the light had said his prayers and was tucked in. We were in fine shape for the job. When ending at 12 noon, we broke a 40-day fast with a little saved-up pinch bottle. By 11 p.m. our array of colored eggs was simply beautiful. Or so we thought.

Later it was hinted that something beside the police was bothering about 11:30 p.m. it happened. We were just about to dip our last egg when, in weary confusion, we picked up the wrong container and downed a long drink of purple Easter-egg dye. We were about to scream for a stomach pump when we recalled it was a vegetable coloring. But we had seen the egg that came out of the pinch-bottle mixture!

We caught heck, as usual, from our "war department," who said our eggs were a slander on the Easter Bunny. "Why didn't you do better? We all know we're color-blind!" we all cried. "You were blind," said she.

The Easter parade in Redwood City Sunday morning was something to rave about. And we do mean "rave!" We think the designers of most of those alleged "fashions" could be helped by psychoanalysts and complete rest. We drove around for two hours yesterday morning, and we still don't believe some of the things we saw on women's heads.

We don't know about the seniors, but our vote for the best-looking junior miss Easter outfit would go to Sharon W. Mack who was a vision of loveliness in blue and white—a blue coat with a really sensible and attractive white hat and white shoes and gloves.

A signal honor was paid by Wrex Cruse, organizer and first president of the Redwood City Commuters' Club, now living in Honolulu, T.H. when the board of directors voted unanimously to make him an honorary life member, and instructed the secretary to so advise him. The club's Red Cross committee also has its final report—\$561 collected.

Make a note now of the Kiwanis Committee directors' meeting at Ramon Oaks. Everyone has fun at these joint meetings, and besides this will feature an important and timely talk by Albert W. Gatov, executive director of the Pacific American Steamship Assn.

The loudest if not the oldest pinball game on the SP has its regulars. England, Joe Harper and Roy Cloud, with M. L. Brockway, Bill Hanley and others filling in as fourth. Most any evening they have been huddling on the Redwood City station platform, long after the train has pulled out, trying to figure out who owes who the extra dime.

Theft Reported

Clothing valued at \$125 was taken last night from his home at the Log Cabin Ranch, La Honda, John Watson, director of the correctional school for boys, reported to the sheriff's office Monday.

Watson told sheriff's officers that he believed the burglary was committed by some of the 60 boys at the school. Taken, in addition to the clothing, were a suitcase and a large, dark-type knife.

Indecent Exposure

Police Judge W. H. Thorpe Thursday sentenced Edward Frye, 40, 1714 South 31st St., Richmond, to six months in the San Mateo County Jail.

Frye was charged Mar. 11 with exposing himself indecently to two groups of girls on the Sequoia High School campus.

Tree Loses

By BARNEY GUGEL
A Redwood City landmark, a 57-year-old palm tree at 1100 Main St., has been felled by workers to make way for a new \$100,000 gasoline station.

The tree, planted in 1890, withstood the elements, including the 1906 earthquake and a flood in the Main St. area in 1922, but was unable to withstand progress. The last remnants of the old landmark were taken away yesterday.

Dimensions of the palm tree, according to Joseph Barnes who took it down were: height, 40 feet; diameter, 4 feet at the base and 8 1/2 at the top.

The tree was planted by Charles E. Knight, Redwood City pioneer, in front of his grocery store on Main St. in 1890, the year the store was erected.

Knight, who is now 82 years old and lives at 411 Ninth Ave., still remembers how he purchased and planted the tree.

"I bought the little tree down on Broadway at Stephen's Nursery," Knight explained. "It only had five leaves when it was planted."

"When I got down to the nursery that day," Knight continued, "no one was there so I took the tree home. I thought it would cost about 50 cents. After my wife planted it in front of the store I found out that it cost a little more. It cost \$2.50."

In 1904, Knight closed out his grocery store and went to work for the Southern Pacific. At that time, he said, the tree was about five feet tall.

A garage was erected on the site in 1923 and a few years later a gasoline station was put in. The palm tree, however, was left alone. According to Ferris Miles of West Bay Motors, the tree was taken down because the roots were interfering with gasoline storage tanks.

"A new gasoline station is going to be erected there," he said.

Pills Not Candy

Five-year-old Lyndy Lee Harvey's addiction to pills landed her in the Palo Alto Hospital this morning with three doctors attempting to determine what was the matter with her.

Lyndy Lee is the daughter of Herbert Harvey, who is organizing a police force for La Honda Canyon. Sunday she and her parents came to 3187 Page St., Friendly Acres, to visit Mr. and Mrs. William McCowan, her grandparents.

McCowan, a member of the Woodside police force, has been taking some hunger tablets. These tablets, if taken in small doses by an adult, will reduce appetite, doctors say.

Lyndy, known to the adults, Lyndy sampled them. Just how many she tried is unknown.

Result: Sunday she had nightmares and a skin irritation. She became delirious and the adults called for a physician.

The doctor examined her, could find nothing physically wrong and gave her a sedative.

Monday the child woke up after another nightmare in a delirious condition. Her father said despite her small size, she was hard to handle.

This time the adults packed her into McCowan's police car and took her to the hospital where her stomach was pumped. Physicians at the hospital said she was recovering quite well.

Legion Has Reserve

Members of the American Legion during the past 28 years have paid more than \$132,000,000 in local, state and national dues and these have been the basis for its prosperity. Comdr. Jack Thomas of the Redwood City Post 105 explained Monday in a story on the organization's financial worth.

The American Legion today is worth well more than \$100,000,000 in all its national, state and post assets," Thomas said. "This is represented by national, state and local endowments, reserve, restricted and building funds, by post treasurers and by the thousands of clubhouses and other real estate held by the organization."

The national, state and post organizations also own millions of dollars'

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BY ROLLY LANGLEY

Only 24 days until "Fantasia" at the California Spring Garden Show. A. S. Head of Palo Alto grows tomatoes southern style—in Dixie cups, which means they go into the garden without any set-back. A. S. Head reports garden peas—Laxton's Progress and telephone continuously since November.

You can tell Minera Sartin gets a big drive out of gardening from her chatty letter: "To have a 50x150 ft. lot in Los Altos and live in a double garage at the rear of the lot on the alley. All of our immediate neighbors and some friends gave us all kinds of plants and shrubs. We jokingly say we've given up the idea of building our house on the front of the lot as we have too many things planted all over it."

"A friend next door brought us three daffodil bulbs that Peter Valinga gave him, and 135 rose cuttings. Most every rose cutting has taken hold. My husband says we'll have to pass on a lot of our free plants—roses, daffodils, white callas—things I'm not too fond of."

"We have cinerarias and tuberous begonias with baby's tears moss for ground cover around them. There is a small cactus and rock garden on the sunny side, with succulents, of course. . . . There's a French lilac."

"As an experiment we bought a dozen of the fancy variegated primroses. Puzzles me how there can be two colored flowers on the same plant, such as yellow and white, and yellow and pink shades! Everyone says they increase very nicely. Mr. Setree, who has a new pottery garden on El Camino Real, has a row of them just inside his fence. He said he bought one dozen two years ago and then divided them three times and has given oddies away."

"We were given fuchsias and fuchsia cuttings but have to wait and see what kind they are. Exciting at least."

"Yesterday we went to bulb show at Niles. It was certainly lovely. They had a cyclamen in a hanging basket. It fascinated me. We want bright red double hanging fuchsias and begonias."

"My husband decided he wanted to make my small lath house in the shape of a windmill—copied from that windmill at the nursery yesterday. My neighbor, on the other side from the 'rose' one, raises dahlias and gave me some tubers to try. I have some pom-pom miniatures."

"Sacramento frankness: 'Though I have the time for comments about my garden, I have no comments for this is the first year I will have gardened.'—N. B. W. W. (Glad to have you join us.)"

Sackett: "I've been told there are certain times tomatoes should not be watered. When is that?" Clem J. Schmit. (I don't know. However, LESS water might be given, just before the tomatoes blossom, to encourage setting.)

"We have been told potatoes will not grow in the Sacramento area. Is this true?" Mrs. Kathleen Peterson. (You'll find them, all right, but I keep remembering how just a couple of months ago, a government agency was asking me to please cooperate in getting people to EAT more potatoes—to help get rid of the enormous surplus, some of which was spoiling in an embarrassing manner.)

L. S. Oakland: "To keep ants from trees without smearing the bark and to make it easier to renew the application of whatever sticky substance is used for that purpose, I take a piece of paper long enough to circle the tree at least twice, fold it lengthwise to add to the thickness of it, wrap it around the trunk about a foot from the ground and tie it top and bottom edge with light twine. Then I spread the sticky material in the center to a width of about three inches."

That will work on a tree with fairly smooth bark. But I've seen the method attempted on a plum, where the ants, ignoring the chance to go over the paper to the attractive stickum, went under following up a crevice in the bark. Stickum won't solve the case where the tree or shrub touches anything above, either. In fact, ants have made the grade where a branch just bent occasionally with the wind to touch the side of a fence. Try spraying around the base of a tree with nicotine sulphate or DDT.

Informal Dance

An affair of the post-Lenten season will be the informal dance given at the Peninsula School in Menlo Park on April 12. Sponsored by the fathers of the students, the committee on arrangements is headed by Dr. Robert Dunn. Assisting him are Charles Brink, Richard E. Doyle, Jr., Dr. Arden Hedge, Harold Severance, Henry S. Sullivan, Gene Goldsmith, Dr. John Cardwell, Maurice Oppenheimer, John Hurlbut and Kingsford Jones. Proceeds from the bids, available to parents and friends of the school, will be turned over to the students for the purchase of a projection machine.

Check Fire Box

Fire Chief Joe Lodi Monday urged Redwood City residents to find their nearest fire alarm boxes at once and remember where they are placed.

He pointed out that should telephone service stop because of a strike now in progress, the boxes would be the only fast method remaining for sounding an alarm.

In event of a fire, householders need only pull the box and wait at the box for the arrival of the department which they can then direct from the box to the fire.

Presents Play

Seldom does the Peninsula view a play running concurrently with its New York production, but local playgoers will have the opportunity when the Peninsula Little Theatre presents its production of "Joan of Lorraine" Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26, in the San Mateo Junior College Auditorium.

Ingrid Bergman is playing to packed houses in the Broadway version of the Maxwell Anderson play, and according to Life Magazine, which devoted a "Close-Up" to her and the play, the production could rival the play in an attempt to make the audience in a film version of "Joan of Lorraine."

Unlike the play, the movie will confine itself to the story of Joan. The play lets the audience in on the rehearsal of a company preparing to present "Joan," and between scenes the cast sits and sips champagne while the director, designer and technical director, to apply them to their own problems. Compromise becomes the point of contention between the director and the star, and whether the director should compromise his ideals in order to achieve.

An excellent cast, headed by Elizabeth Hardy as Joan, is in rehearsal for the play under the direction of Robert Erskine. Joy McFarland, who actually supervises the construction of Little Theatre costumes, is playing Marie, the costumer in the play. Sam Ralph, designer and technical director, is playing Charlie, the electrician.

John Beucher, whom local audiences have enjoyed in "The Royal Family" and "Stanford Galeties," will play Al, the stage manager, who doubles as Thomas de Courcelles in the last scene. Since the audience is viewing a rehearsal of a play within a play, scenery is changed before their eyes. Costumes will be incomplete, and some of the play will be rehearsing in street clothes.

Marks Hired

Dr. Harold Marks Tuesday began his duties as superintendent of Community Hospital, following the approval of the County Civil Service Commission yesterday afternoon of the third step in the salary range of \$725 a month.

Meantime, Dr. Charles C. Gans, county health and welfare director, has recommended to the civil service commission the appointment of Dr. Harlan Wynns, 48, to be in charge of communicable diseases in the county. Dr. Wynns at the present time is director of communicable diseases at San Joaquin County Hospital at Stockton.

The post has been set up for some time but has been unfilled for several years. Dr. Gans recommended that he be given the top step in the salary range, \$881 a month. The commission has taken the recommendation under advisement.

Dr. Marks will fill the post vacated last November by Dr. Harold V. Raycroft, who resigned after attacking the civil service commission. Dr. Gans has been handling the work in the interim.

Dr. Marks has been medical director of the Northern Pacific Hospital in Tacoma, Wash. He is 35 years of age and is a graduate of the University of Illinois. He has taken special hospital administration graduate work at the University of Chicago. He has had approximately six years' administrative experience in civilian hospitals.

Reilly Mayor

Edward J. Reilly, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. official, was elected mayor of Redwood City Monday succeeding outgoing Councilman Claude J. Hirschev.

Creed Haberlin, another holdover on the council, was selected as vice mayor.

Daniel J. Crendon and Roy A. Webe, elected last week, were sworn in as new councilmen. Fifth member of the board is C. M. Speers.

The new council decided against ordering a recount of votes on two bond issue propositions which were defeated by narrow margins in last week's election. They explained such action might jeopardize the legality of three issues which were approved.

It was pointed out, however, that a taxpayer might obtain a recount through court action.

The Southwicks

Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Southwick, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cortez of 505 Douglas Ave., arrived here Monday night after a trip by car from Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Southwick, still in the navy, is originally from Kolona, Ia. He has been assigned to the Naval Air Station in Norfolk for the past year and has been transferred to the West Coast. He has been in the navy for eight years and has many campaigns to his credit, the majority of which he spent overseas in the South Pacific.

Mrs. Southwick, formerly Vicki Cortez of this city, resided here during the war and was employed by the Glass Engineering Co. as a specialist.

From Canada

The W. A. Harpers of Summit Dr., Emerald Lake, have entertained Mrs. Harpers' sisters from Canada, Mrs. A. W. Fraser of Vancouver, Alberta, and Mrs. W. H. Hammell of Winnipeg, Manitoba, for the past two months.

The pair was entertained extensively during their stay with the Harpers. They spent some time as the guest Mr. Harpers' sister, Miss Florence Harper, at La Playa Hotel at Carmel.

Heading north a week ago, they will visit throughout Vancouver for the next month before returning to their homes.

Parents' Corner

BABY ADOPTION PITFALLS

All rackets are bad, but some are worse. Most vicious and heartless of all is the "baby adoption racket" in which an unscrupulous mother utilizes her own baby as a means of obtaining money from childless couples who want to adopt it. Usually the young mothers in this business are egged on by one or two other depraved women.

It is a hard racket to stamp out, even in the states where carefully devised adoption laws try to prevent any hocus-pocus. Those of us who truly love children and who want them are apt to let our emotions take the upper hand, and we may become easy subjects.

Recently, some acquaintances were the victims of a typical operation. They are in their late twenties, have given up hope of a baby of their own, and had decided to adopt a baby. About the same time a young, unmarried mother who said she was a former "burlesque artist," went to their doctor (who has a wealthy group of patients) saying that she wanted to place her attractive baby in a good home.

The doctor, knowing our friends' desire for a baby, notified them. They got the regular adoption procedure started through machinery established by California law. There was a trial period before any adoption of this type is final, and at the close of this period the real mother can revoke the adoption, if she desires. In this case, the mother used her right to revoke the adoption as an instrument to gouge money from the foster-parents. She did it skillfully, without witnesses.

Finally, at the end of the trial period, she made a camouflaged request for a very much larger sum, and when they declined to pay it, she obtained custody of the child by legal means, cancelled the adoption, and skipped out.

Now it appears that she has done the same thing at least twice before. No doubt the state officials responsible for investigations of child adoptions are open to criticism for allowing this to happen. But that doesn't help our friends out. They are heartbroken over the loss of the baby they had learned to love, and they are deeply concerned over the kind of care the baby probably is receiving.

The young mother, who is intelligent enough to recognize easy money, has seen it all too often. She may have moved to another state, realizing that there is a limit to the number of times such a performance can be repeated in one state. And of course, her sweet little 18-month-old baby is suffering and will grow up into a deeply insecure, unstable person. The babies themselves are the worst victims of the "baby adoption racket."

Fire Elections

Incumbent fire commissioners were reelected to office in fire district elections held Monday in Belmont, Woodside and Menlo Park. All three candidates were running unopposed.

Harry T. Walden was elected to his fourth consecutive term as fire commissioner in Belmont Monday, receiving 145 votes out of 149 cast. Roussel C. Smith received three write-in votes.

Walden issued a statement thanking his friends and constituents for their vote of confidence and promised to keep his pledge to strive for the betterment of fire protection and fire prevention in the district.

In Woodside, Paul B. Fay was elected fire commissioner for the fourth time, receiving all of the 41 ballots cast.

Malcolm G. Patterson was reelected to the board of fire commissioners in the Menlo Park district, election Monday. He is present chairman of the board.

Pair Jailed

A Colma welder was arrested shortly after 12 p.m. Monday on charges of drunk driving. Love Service was picked up two hours later for reckless driving.

Clarence L. Jimison, 43, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol at 12:30 a.m. on San Pedro Rd., near Junipero St. and Blvd. After booking Jimison at the county jail here, patrolmen took his car and his wife, Evelyn, 44, back to their home in Colma.

Mrs. Jimison was arrested shortly before 3 o'clock by Burlingame police and was charged with reckless driving. She told police that she was en route to Redwood City to get her husband.

Crouse Barrett, 40, Negro laborer who lives at 255 Homer St., Palo Alto, was arrested early Sunday morning on El Camino Real in Atherton on a charge of drunken driving. Barrett was released from county jail on \$100 cash bail and is to appear before Justice of the Peace Edward L. McAuliffe today.

John Gill PTA

Mrs. Garnet Smith entertained the John Gill Parent-Teacher Assn. executive board meeting and sewing circle at her home at 333 Hillview on Tuesday with Mrs. Henry Linetz as cohostess.

Mrs. Leland Marks, chairman of the sewing group, furnished material for each member to sew. She also announced that the next meeting of the sewing circle will be at her home, 105 Inner Circle, on April 15.

Board members planned for the monthly meeting to be held April 10 at 7:45 p.m. at the school. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Linetz served refreshments to Mmes. Charles Ghilmetti, Ivan Brandenburg, Paul Whaley, Robert Meyers, Stanley Cassassa, Lawrence Stevens and Leland Marks.

Thursday Service

The Woodside Village Church was crowded for the Maundy Thursday service this week. The vestibule was full and many were standing on the steps as the vested choir of 25 voices entered carrying candles and singing "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

Candles were lighted during the service to Faith, Hope, Love, Service, Friendship and the Life Immortal.

Twenty new members were united with the church, 19 on confession of their faith, one by letter, and 10 were baptized. A communion service was followed by the recessional, "Follow the Glean."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charles W. Fisher, Atty. Notice of Administratrix With the Annexed, Sale of Real Estate at Private Sale, No. 9279—Dept. 4. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, in and for the County of Alameda.

In the Matter of the Estate of LARS E. OLSEN, Deceased. Notice is hereby given, that Viola J. Olsen, Administratrix with the Annexed, of the Estate of Lars E. Olsen, also known as L. E. Olsen, deceased, will sell at private sale, in one parcel, to the highest bidder, upon terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, and subject to confirmation by said Superior Court, on or after Monday, the 21st day of April, 1947, all the right, title, interest and estate of said Lars E. Olsen, also known as L. E. Olsen, deceased, at the time of his death, in and to the following described real property:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of San Mateo, State of California, and bounded and particularly described as follows: Lot Numbered Five (5) in block Numbered One Hundred and Twenty Six (126) as shown and designated on the recorded plat of Francis Cross, filed in Redwood City, Calif.

Terms and conditions of sale: Cash, in full, money of the United States of America; ten (10) per cent of the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale; balance of the purchase money to be paid in installments of \$100.00 each, beginning on the day of sale, and continuing until the purchase money is paid in full. The purchaser shall take the property purchased by him subject to all the state and county taxes, and to all other liens and claims against the property, whether or not the same are known or discovered by him.

All bids or offers must be in writing, and may be left at the office of Charles W. Fisher, attorney for said administratrix, at 1510 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, California, or may be delivered to the undersigned, either in person or by mail, at any time after the first publication of this notice and before the making of the sale.

Dated: March 25th, 1947. Viola J. Olsen, Administratrix with the Annexed, of the Estate of Lars E. Olsen, etc., deceased. Charles W. Fisher, Attorney for said administratrix, with the Annexed, 1510 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, Calif. Published in Times-Gazette Apr. 4, 11, 18, 1947.

Dreyfus & McTernan, Attys. Notice of Administratrix With the Annexed, Sale of Real Estate at Private Sale, No. 95333. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, in and for the County of Alameda.

In the Matter of the Estate of ELEANOR JEWELL STURGES, sometimes known as Eleanor J. Sturges, Deceased. Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Ethel G. Hutchison, Administratrix with the Annexed, of the Estate of Eleanor Jewell Sturges, sometimes known as Eleanor J. Sturges, deceased, will sell at private sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, subject to confirmation of the above named court, all the following real property belonging to the Estate of the above Decedent, lying and being in the County of San Mateo, State of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Twelve (12) Block No. Forty-six (46) of Subdivision No. Two (2), said Subdivision Two (2) being the subdivision of Subdivisions Two (2) and Three (3) of Granddams according to the recorded plat of said subdivision on file in the Recorder's office of said County.

Terms and conditions of sale: Cash, lawful money of the United States; ten per cent of the purchase price to be paid at the time of sale, balance on confirmation of sale by said Superior Court. Search of title at expense of purchaser.

All bids or offers must be in writing, and may be left at the office of Dreyfus & McTernan, 57 Post Street, San Francisco, California, with the Administratrix of the Estate of the said Decedent, care of Dreyfus & McTernan, 57 Post Street, San Francisco, or may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at any time after the first publication of this notice and before the making of said sale.

The said Administratrix reserves the right to reject any and all bids for the purchase of said real property. Dated this 28th day of March, 1947. Ethel G. Hutchison, Administratrix with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Eleanor Jewell Sturges, sometimes known as Eleanor J. Sturges, deceased. Dreyfus & McTernan, Attorneys for said Administratrix, 57 Post St., San Francisco, Calif. Published in Times-Gazette Apr. 4, 11, 18, 1947.

Score in Contests

Two Redwood City boys were among the winners last weekend in the San Mateo County Kite and Marble contests at Flood Park.

The youths are Russell Morton, who was runnerup in the 9-year-old marble shooting division, and John Klein, runnerup in Group I of the kite-flying division.

South San Francisco youths walked off with most of the championships, scoring a near clean sweep in almost every division, only the two Redwood City lads preventing them from scoring a shutout victory.

South San Franciscans who won titles were Jack Ryan, Ronald Hunt and Charles and Louise Pegharian, Charles Simontacchi and Bobby Lower, kite flying.

Asks \$75,325

Carl W. Hersey, former Bethlehem Shipbuilding employee, Tuesday filed suit against owners of Alphonso's Hotel in South San Francisco for \$75,325 damages for injuries he sustained in a fall at the hotel.

Hersey charged that he fell from the top step of a flight of stairs on Mar. 17 and injured his spine. He claims that the linoleum on the stairs was frayed and that he caught his heel in a hole.

Hersey names as defendants Alphonso and Edith Ferrari, who operate the hotel as copartners.

Bans 101 Parking

BURLINGAME—The city council Monday ordered all parking banned on El Camino Real in Burlingame effective in 30 days.

In a new parking ordinance the city also ordered parking limited on California Dr. between Broadway and Oak Grove Aves.

The decision to ban El Camino parking was made to clear the highway for four lanes of traffic. The State Highway Dept. recently had refused to have traffic lanes marked because it held the parking in effect reduced the highway to two lanes.

Belmont Council

Discussion of recreation problems highlighted the business of a meeting of the Belmont City Council Monday, with the council promising to investigate the possibility of purchasing the Belle Monti club house as a recreation center.

Tentative plans for a Memorial Park to be laid out adjoining the proposed city hall on Fifth Ave. were presented to the council by Mrs. Annette Alexander of the Belmont Recreation Commission. Estimated cost of the block square center is \$4885.

Mayor James F. Furlong Jr. pointed out that the city had \$5000 donated by Mrs. Elizabeth Rebec for the memorial, and the council decided to postpone action on the proposed park until the next meeting.

The council and representatives of the recreation commission also discussed the purchase of the Belle Monti club house as a recreation center. The structure would cost the city \$35,000 and Mayor Furlong told the recreation commission that a bond issue would be necessary to raise money for the purchase.

The council also: 1. Postponed action on a proposed city hall because the CPA has not yet granted permission for the construction of the building.

2. Heard from City Atty. Paul A. McCarthy that the city is justified in levying a 10 cent recreation tax. "If no one contests it, I think you can use the money," McCarthy said.

3. Appointed McCarthy to represent the city at a hearing on telephone rates held by the Public Utilities Commission of California.

4. Accepted a check for \$1760 from the City of San Carlos as part of an agreement to discharge sewage into Belmont's Ralston Ave. sewer.

5. Proclaimed the week of May 3-10 as cleanup week, during which time the city will pick up rubbish put out on the street curb by residents.

6. Discussed the meeting between the city councils of Belmont and San Carlos to be held Thursday night to decide on a joint disposal of a joint disposal plant to be built by both cities.

Federation Meeting

The Italian Catholic Federation met Tuesday in the Odd Fellows Hall with Mr. Silvio Righello presiding.

Professor Oliveri of the University of Santa Clara was the guest speaker. He spoke to the group on "The Italian in America."

Refreshments were served following the meeting by Theresa Roberto, chairman; Angie Albertoli and Jackie Schock.

Four Injured

Four persons, including two Sequoia High School students were injured Sunday in automobile accidents in San Mateo county, the California Highway Patrol reported.

John Hinkley, 14, 451 Third Ave., and William Tackitt, 14, of 2049 Euclid Ave., East Palo Alto, were injured when the motor scooter driven by Hinkley collided with a car operated by George Fischer, 72, 940 Berkeley Ave., Menlo Park.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Bay Rd. and Berkeley Ave. at 3:30 p.m. Monday. Fischer reported to the highway patrol that he was making a left turn and did not see the scooter which the CHP says was traveling "too fast."

The two boys were taken to Palo Alto Hospital for treatment. The CHP listed Hinkley's injuries as "major."

Virginia Cross, 20-year-old Stanford student, is in Palo Alto Hospital Monday as a result of injuries she suffered at 7:45 o'clock last Sunday in an accident on Portola Rd. north of the Student Guild School.

Miss Cross was a passenger in a car driven by Norman J. Bell, 22, also a Stanford student. Bell reported to the CHP that he swerved his car in an effort to avoid a \$6500 car in the road, lost control, and the car skidded 93 feet and overturned. Bell was not injured.

Olive Linscott, 52, of Aberdeen, Wash., sustained minor injuries when the car driven by Cleve A. Linscott, 42, was involved in a collision on Bayshore Hwy. at San Bruno Rd. Sunday afternoon.

Linscott's car collided with an automobile driven by James P. Fleming, 66, of San Francisco. Neither of the drivers was hurt.

15 Building Permits

Permits for the construction of 15 houses in the Emerald Lake area have been granted by Mayor M. Welbanks of Redwood City, County Bldg. Insp. A. W. Russell announced today.

The permits are for the construction of homes in the \$6500 valuation class, Russell stated. All the houses will be on West Summit Dr.

Liquor Sale Charge

Willie Russell, 28, a bartender at the Zombie Club in East Palo Alto, was arrested last Tuesday by sheriff's officers on a charge of selling liquor to minors.

The warrant for arrest was issued by Judge Aylett R. Cotton after two juveniles, who appeared in his court on a burglary charge had said they obtained the liquor there.

Coastside Tragedy

A family Easter outing ended in tragedy yesterday when a Pleasanton carpenter plunged 175 feet to his death after he took one backward step too many while posing for a snapshot.

Chief Dep. Sheriff Walter Moore reported today that James S. Martin Sr., 60, was killed at 12:30 p. m. yesterday when he fell over the edge of a cliff one-fourth mile south of Devil's Slide near Montara.

Marvin D. Adams, 21, told deputy sheriffs that he was taking a picture of his stepfather, and he asked Mr. Martin to step back. Mr. Martin tripped and tumbled headlong over the embankment into one foot of water.

The rest of Mr. Martin's family were about 75 feet away, but could not see the accident, because of a rising piece of ground between them and the men. They told deputy sheriffs that they had started from Pleasanton on an Easter picnic yesterday morning.

Present in the party were Mr. Martin's wife, Alva; another stepson, Raymond Adams, 20; a son, James Jr., 8, and Alvia, 3, a daughter.

An army jeep was used to move the body from the base of the cliff to the highway and the body is now at Dutra's Mortuary in Half Moon Bay. The remains will be shipped to Stone County, Ark., for burial.

Studies Demurers

Superior Judge Edmund Scott had under advisement demurers filed by Walton A. Gould of the Gould Construction Co. to 10 suits by veterans who charged that Gould raised the prices of their homes in Sunset Highlands, San Carlos.

Yesterday Superior Judge Aylett R. Cotton overruled amended demurers in 11 other suits against Gould. Earlier the 21 suits all were to have gone before one judge.

The veterans charged that Gould illegally raised the prices of the houses above the original agreement, and are seeking to have him perform the contract as originally signed.

BUILDING BAROMETER

REDWOOD CITY (Reported by Bldg. Insp. L. M. Duncan)

To date this year... \$ 682,400 To date last year... 1,675,300

New Permits—E. Anderson, 327 Chestnut St., \$5000 dwelling; L. C. Clements, 239 Jeter St., \$10,000 dwelling; Harry Lower, 1613 Garden St., \$7800 dwelling; Frank Cuddy, 234 Virginia St., \$6000 dwelling; J. Inglis, 63 Woodsworth Ave., \$10,000 dwelling.

New Fire Pots

Redwood City's two new fire engines were scheduled Monday to leave the Seagraves Corp. plant in Columbus O., en route to the West Coast.

Fire Insp. Richard Driven said Monday that his department had received a letter from the corporation saying that the engines had been completed, painted and were ready for shipment.

The corporation's letter said that shipment would be made as soon as an end-door boxcar could be obtained from a railroad. This is scheduled for today, the letter concluded.

The two pumpers will be shipped to a corporation office in San Francisco, turned up there, tested by the Redwood City department, and placed in service.

Both will pump 1000 gallons of water a minute. They will replace the No. 1 and No. 2 engines now in service. The No. 2 engine, stationed at the No. 2 fire station, will be retired from service. It is a 750 gallons a minute pumper.

The present No. 1 engine, a 1000-gallon pumper, will be retained by the department and outfitted for deluge work.

Rap Pair

Robert Hulberg, 27, San Mateo race track employee, was arrested Monday morning at 1:55 o'clock on charge of drunken driving, Belmont police reported.

Police said Hulberg was picked up on El Camino Real after officers noticed that the car he was driving was weaving from side to side.

Later Monday, Belmont police arrested Conrad Martin Gommier, 32, 463 San Benito Ave., Los Gatos, on a similar charge.

Gommier was driving south on the north lane of El Camino Real, police said.

Both men were held on \$150 bail and are to appear before Judge Rupert Johnson on April 17. Johnson is temporarily replacing Judge John Smith who has been ill.

FBI Gets Man

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The Prowler

ONE THING THAT NEVER impresses me is the announcement that the So-and-So Club "has endorsed this proposal," as if that were an argument in itself why every other group should do likewise. In my news reporting days I have been present at too many meetings of one kind and another at which I have seen resolutions "jammed through." Some spellbinder makes a talk in behalf of or against some movement, to which only divided attention is given. Before the conventional applause has died down, some claque gets to his feet and moves that "we go on record as endorsing the speaker's proposal." Somebody else, for a reason unknown perhaps even to himself, seconds the motion. In sheep-like fashion, the crowd votes in overwhelming majority, if not unanimously, in favor of the endorsement, without knowing what it is all about, without inquiring into it, without having heard any critical discussion, and not even caring a hoot about it anyhow.

On the strength of that club's unthinking endorsement, other organizations are led to follow suit, even though those who voted the original approval have forgotten in the meantime that the matter ever was considered.

NEITHER DO I CONSIDER that the mere charge, "You are partisan," is adequate as a reason why the accused person's ideas on a matter should be discounted. So many times the charge of "partisanship" means nothing more than that the person so accused has reached a conviction. Having a conviction is not necessarily an indication of prejudice, as many people seem to think. The two terms—conviction and prejudice—are not always synonymous. A prejudice is a conclusion reached without having considered the evidence. The individual who leaps to his conclusions is prejudiced. The one who arrives at conclusions after consideration of the facts is not properly accused when charged with being prejudiced.

Fear of being considered prejudiced is one of the great hobgoblins of the human mind. It keeps many a person in a steady state of indecision.

The really intelligent person who is informed can scarcely escape having convictions if he devotes his mind to a question. The person who goes through life in a wholly "non-partisan" state of mind must be either ignorant, vacillating or indifferent.

I HEARD A MARRIED woman say one day that she deliberately picked her husband. When she was a college girl she saw him at a dance, and made up her mind then and there that she wanted him. She immediately set to work, contrived a means of meeting him, and also of having a date with him. One day led to another. Before many days a relationship was established which the young man, in his innocence, considered was his own pursuit of the girl, when all the time he merely had fallen victim to her subtle pursuing of him. His "courtship" of the girl, which followed quite quickly and successfully, was but a conventional routine, even though he did not know it at the time.

He knows it now, however, because the wife makes no bones of the facts. She set forth her ideas in the following words:

"Since marriage is supposedly a lifetime partnership, it is important to both husband and wife that they be mated congenially. It is just as important to the woman that she gets the sort of husband she wants as it is to the man that he gets the kind of wife he wants. The old idea that the man must do all the pursuing concedes to him all the advantages in the situation. Why shouldn't the woman have the same right of mate selection as the man is conceded by convention?"

There isn't much argument against that woman's thesis. Nor is there anything especially novel in a woman's having those ideas—and putting them into practice. Millions of other women through the ages have had the same ideas and acted accordingly, but all the while doing it so cleverly that the men have thought they themselves were the real aggressors.

It simply happens that this woman is a bit more frank and fearless than the majority of her kind.

DR. CHARLES SEYMOUR, president of Yale University, said in a recent interview in which he deplored the inadequacies of present-day education, that if he were a czar he would establish a university which taught nothing but reading, writing and arithmetic, because, he observed, the average student today has only a half knowledge of reading, is unable to write, and cannot do arithmetic.

But if you were czar, Dr. Seymour, why delay that instruction until university years? Why not proceed at once to restore stress on those fundamentals where it belongs—in the lower schools?

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "It's the psychology of the thing."

THE LIQUOR INDUSTRY, always on the defensive, is acutely so today because of the signs of increasing concern over alcoholism, the spread of the drinking habit among women, the part played by liquor in the rise of juvenile delinquency, traffic accidents due to drunken driving, and the alarming number of cases of rape that are a derivative often of tavern "pick-ups."

As a result, the liquor industry is engaging in a ceaseless and expanded program of propaganda attempting to establish itself in the public mind as a promoter not of drunkenness but of temperance under the alias of "moderation."

I HAVE BEFORE ME A leaflet put out by the Licensed Beverages Industries, Inc., devoted to "Moderation—in Thinking and Drinking." It makes such statements as the following:

"It (moderate drinking) is the casual way that any normal person makes an occasion festive."

"It is the use of liquor as a mark of good fellowship or for a moment's relaxation over a cocktail before dinner or a highball in the evening."

The leaflet quotes a psychiatrist as saying that "there are 50,000,000 people in this country who can and do drink moderately without hurting themselves and other people. . . . These are what we call normal drinkers."

The liquor apologist, declaring that "the problem drinker constitutes less than two per cent of the alcohol-using population," says:

"All too often our attention is turned to excessive drinking when we discuss or consider the subject of drinking. . . . There is very real danger in allowing the picture of drinking habits to lose its perspective. Over-attention to the subject of excessive drinking and too little attention to the subject of moderation does not promote the cause of moderation. . . . Moderation in our thinking is as important as moderation in our drinking. It is time we talked and thought more about moderation—which DOES exist—when we talk about drinking."

The leaflet even quotes the Bible as being on its side.

WE CAN AGREE THAT there is a "very real danger" when people allow themselves to concentrate their thoughts and discussions on the inebriated minority among drinkers. That danger is to the liquor trade itself. For that reason the liquor industries prefer to shift the focus to the moderationists.

The advice that people should think of the moderationists rather than the excessive drinkers is akin to the fabled ostrich practice of sticking one's head into the sand when wishing to escape an unpleasant sight or experience. Closing one's eyes to a disagreeable situation is no help whatever in correcting the difficulty.

Let us apply this type of reasoning to other situations. The number of illiterates in this country, although greater than it should be, constitutes but a small fraction of the adult population. The overwhelming majority of American citizens can read and write. Is that any reason why we should give no thought to the illiterates?

The insane people are far fewer than the sane. Should we therefore blot the presence of the mentally ill from our consciousness and think only of the sane?

The people infected with venereal disease or other serious maladies are also a minority. The big majority is healthy. But would the general welfare be promoted if we confined our health thinking to the well and vigorous people only, and gave no heed to those in need of curative treatment?

Certainly however small a minority the alcoholics may be, their plight is a sad one, and well worthy of attention. Not only should they be given help toward recovery, but efforts should be put forth to prevent creation of further cases of inebriety.

YOU WOULD THINK, FROM the tenor of the propaganda leaflet, that the chief reason of the liquor industry for engaging in business of selling alcoholic beverages was to prevent the increased consumption of such drinks by keeping down its sales volume—a goal, which if it be the actual one, is not being reached very fast. Statistics show, on the contrary, a steadily increasing consumption of liquor.

The only way in which more liquor moderationists can be created is by increasing the number of users of liquor. It is inevitable that out of every given number of new imbibers a percentage will be of the sort which the liquor industry's leaflet concedes are people who should not drink at all. It must not be forgotten that each new bloc of moderationists will be paralleled by a new group of inebriates also.

For all its piously proclaimed stress on promotion of moderation in drinking, the liquor industry's propaganda therefore is doing equally as much to promote also the alcoholics which it professes to deplore.

Garden

BY ROLLY LANGLEY

Beefsteak tomatoes are squishy, don't slice well enough to suit most green thumbs. Besides, they're too long in maturing for the average home garden. Folks like to enjoy their tomatoes and salads through the Summer. Experienced gardeners seldom bother with the beefsteaks, and we can understand the disappointment of Mrs. H. L. Pyles, 6 Eastianas the year before, that the plants they hoped were Pearsons and Earlianas, brought home from some place, turned out to be the beefsteaks. From 6 J. P. and 6 Eastianas the year before, they made catsup, canned, had them fresh and took 125 pounds to lodge meeting.

"We always raise black-eyed peas, (being from the South, sub-Texas, that is.) and they do well here, and are so good to eat I think the commercial growers are missing a bet. I've never seen any on the market," she continues.

She raises plenty of strawberries for the family of three. The soil has been lightened with much sand and they put chicken manure in the irrigation trenches. Correctly, they've been removing the straw, perry blossoms, but are now going to let the berries develop.

Mrs. Frances E. McCarty, recently moved from Oakland to Fair Oaks, "They sub look seaweed, xanth, loam," and she's going to put a half-acre in garden. We don't need a crystal ball to see plenty of exercise.

"By spraying my Victor tomatoes with 'fruit hormones' when the blossoms were wide open and in full sun, I was able to prevent fruit drop in this foggy climate," writes Mrs. E. H. Reynolds, Chandeliers of Albany. "Although I live on a windy, foggy hill, my bushes were loaded all season, and were the envy of my less successful neighbors."

Mrs. H. R. Reynolds in Oakland put plants in half milk cartons, sets them in a flat, puts a continuous trickle of water, and let it come up to keep plants just moist enough via wicks.

Mrs. F. Schmitt planted an unknown variety of cabbage last winter. "I took them out," she says, "I take them out." If they haven't grown continuously, and vigorously, they'll probably never make a good crop now. Sure, take 'em out.

J. E. Harmon, Anselmo writes: "What do you think of oak leaves as a mulch all during the growing season with tomatoes? I used pine needles as a mulch while I was stationed in Midway Island during 1945, and got a beautiful crop of tomatoes. Topsoil from Hawaii with three parts Midway sand. Tomato heaven if I ever saw it."

"Oak leaves make one of the best of mulches. . . . One crop that never fails me and which I personally enjoy—I planted a lot today, the Italian bean, Pavo, or hot bean. For a delicate taste, not found anywhere I like better," writes W. H. Graham. "It's a lot of fun to have a good mess boiled, nip the end and squeeze the bean into your mouth. I don't think I'll ever grow any more."

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Scout Trip

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Picture Camp Woodhaven, the 28-acre tract on La Honda Rd., site of the Sequoia District Girl Scout Camp, alive last week with many young activities as Eastianas, holly-days outings were enjoyed by some of the 67 troops in this district. For instance, San Carlos Troop 49, spending two days and a night with 15 eager girls participating under leadership of Mrs. Lester B. West.

The arrival . . . almost missed the sign . . . but it's good looking, forming an archway with Woodhaven Girl Scout Camp in the green and browns of the woods, the sun shining bright, unloading the food—sleeping bags, . . . The inspection of the lodge house with its huge "baronial" hall, enormous stone fireplace from which a cheerful blaze is soon coming, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. A. F. Hagen and some of the girls.

The large hall entirely paneled with a soft grey brown wood, Philippine mahogany, the ceiling hang; further discoveries, an intriguing panel door swings out leading to one of the tower rooms; here a circular ceiling of wood, and circular windows showing the gorgeous view of valley, mountains and redwoods.

How about seeing what's downstairs—a long hallway, fine for hide and seek, glimpses of attractive bedrooms with adjoining bathrooms for staff, no doubt—and a kitchen, where a real watch dog, warmth, better see what's outside—let's try the circular stairway.

On one side a fruit orchard—remnants of a cultivated flower garden, the other side a grove of an earlier period . . . the palm and the monkey tree . . . the soft green of the olive tree . . . further on a bamboo retreat with a burnt wood sign "Thinker's Shop"—down the sloping paths through the redwood groves to a swiftly flowing stream . . . here the beginnings of a swimming pool, a labor of love of some of the fathers.

The caretaker's neat looking home at one side . . . his dog "Tipsey"—"Tip" part coolie, part shepherd—on a real watch dog, always alert but never any false alarms, and loves youngsters.

But what about dinner—time to organize into work patrols, the huge stove must cook meals for a hundred, the kitchen range . . . we'll do tonight . . . shall we set these folding benches and tied top tables outside on the large porch—no, it's too cloudy, it's pouring.

Another grand day and then too soon we're on our way back. "Oh, I wish we could have stayed longer."

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A Reversed Decision

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The Belmont police scramble popped back into the spotlight last night when the Belmont City Council rebuffed former Police Capt. Otto Kutzer as a patrolman, and heard a scolding attack by Mayor James J. Furlong, Jr. on Belmont residents who "tried to embarrass the city government by giving bad advice."

Kutzer lost his job two weeks ago after turning down an offer to act as chief of police during the absence of Chief Fred Johnson.

"He (Kutzer) put other interests higher than his loyalty to Belmont," Mayor Furlong charged. In a letter to the city council, Kutzer last Monday stated that his actions were the result of "some very bad advice" and that he had "put other interests above my loyalty and obligation to the people of Belmont."

In the letter, Kutzer explained that he had accepted the post of acting chief of police, but later refused the job. He also admitted that he made "statements about employment that had no basis in fact."

Following a promise that his loyalty would lie with the people of Belmont and not with any individual or set of individuals, "Kutzer was reinstated on the police force."

Councilman Harry T. Walden was the first to comment on Kutzer's letter.

"I was instrumental in Kutzer's employment," Walden said. "While he served in Belmont, he was a good officer, so I think we should show mercy. Kutzer is a man enough to admit his mistake. I am willing to consider his reinstatement."

Mayor Furlong then exploded in an attack on the persons who advised Kutzer.

"The manner in which the matter came about was a deliberate attempt to embarrass the City of Belmont," Furlong charged, adding, "We know where this bad advice came from."

"It was given to embarrass everything connected with our city government," Furlong continued. "I don't want to cast a shadow on that young man's record, but at the same time we of the council have our self-respect to look after."

Furlong then explained that he was in favor of granting temporary justice with mercy. "However," he said, "there must be disciplinary methods that these people can't get the city to go jump in a lake."

"I won't take it sitting down," he shouted, pounding on the table. After a short discussion, the council voted to reinstate Kutzer as a patrolman starting May 1, and Kutzer accepted the offer.

The firing of Kutzer two weeks ago on the heels of a request by Chief Fred Johnson for a three-month leave of absence, is believed to be the culmination of a three-month feud between Johnson and the city council.

Committee chairman Fred Johnson said during Johnson's absence, Kutzer said, "I think Fred Johnson got a dirty deal. I turned down the offer because I think Fred will win out in the long run."

During Friday and Saturday, scouts of Troop 105, led by Scoutmaster T. J. Seitz, made overnight camp in the local hills. The trip was highlighted by their attendance at the Grand National Junior Livestock show at the Cow Palace.

At this week's meeting, members were introduced to Charles G. Wilcox and Leonard Winter, officials of Redwood City's new Cub Pack 55, who congratulated the troop for its cooperation with the city unit. Scouts Dick Denney, Allan McCoy and Barton Dear will serve as den chiefs for Pack 55.

Newest tenderfoot scout to join the Cub Pack of Troop 143 is Robert Pimental, welcomed into the unit this week by Scoutmaster M. R. DeFore. Chief occupation of the troop during March was woodcarving, under DeFore's direction, and of the continued merit badge studies.

Theme of the monthly meeting of Pack 62, held this week at the Sequoia district camp, was Indian lore. Exhibits and skits pertinent to Indian life featured the program, produced by each of the dens in collaboration with the Mothers' and A. Bennett. Mrs. Catherine Collingham, Mrs. Joseph Deckman and Mrs. Giles McHenry. Members also welcomed into the pack, Cubs Dennis and David Gibson, and a new recruit, Robert H. Harshe, Jack Sears, and Robert Taylor.

Receiving awards for achievements during March were James Clark, Wolf badge with gold and silver arrows; Michael Shellenbarger, Wolf badge; Frederic Rode, Bear badge; Philip Ash, Lion award; Gladys Hamlin, Lion badge with gold and silver arrows; Ronald Collingham, gold arrow. Denner stripes went to Thomas Callaway, and assistant denner bars to Paul Nordstrom.

WINS VFW Meet

Laura M. Allgrove was the winner of the essay contest for Sequoia High School students sponsored by Cpl. James L. Wilson Auxiliary 2310, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mrs. Florence Magruder, chairman, announced Monday.

Miss Allgrove is to receive \$15 for the first place, James Porter, who placed second, will receive \$10, and Bob Norwalk, who took third place, will receive \$5.

Awards will be made at an assembly at the high school, Mrs. Magruder said.

Subjects of the essays was "The Home—Cradle of Good Citizenship." Judges were County Clerk William H. Augustus, County Librarian Clara E. Dills and Mary Gregg Thorming, civic worker.

Receive Priority

San Mateo county organizations and groups will be given preference in the use of county recreation areas, Arthur Swift, chairman of the county recreation committee, stated in advising local groups to make early reservations.

The reservations for picnic facilities, either at Flood Park or Memorial Park, can be made by fraternal organizations, clubs and other groups by telephoning the recreation commission's offices at Palo Alto 24967.

To Pay Damages

Six Sequoia High School students who were accused of having stolen \$600 worth of instruments from three planes at the Peninsula Airport, San Mateo, and Bayshore Hwy., San Mateo, and having damaged the planes, late Monday were made wards of the juvenile court and placed indefinitely on probation.

Each of the boys had made restitution for about \$200. Chief Probation Officer John S. Cowgill said. The boys range in age from 14 to 17.

Boy Scout News

BY FRANCES FRYER

Camp-O-Retts and courts of honor for scout troops of the northern, central and southern districts of the County Scout Council will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, in the San Bruno City Park, Oak Cove and Flood Parks, according to a special bulletin released this week by camping chairman for the three areas.

The Camp-O-Retts will precede the all-County O-R-Week May 17 and 18 at Flood Park, and will be conducted as training and practice camps for the council-wide competitive event.

In charge of the southern division Camp-O-Rett at Flood Park is Henry Graves and G. E. Thayer and R. C. Juhr will direct activities at the central division camp at Oak Cove Park, and the northern district event at the San Bruno park, respectively. All three men are chairmen of the camping activities in their areas.

Ninety San Mateo County Senior Scouts and their leaders visited Moffett Field Thursday for a tour of the field and the Ames Aeronautical laboratories, including the Wilford tunnel, largest of its kind in the world.

The scouts, conducted around the base by Lt. Neal Baumgardner, naval aviator stationed at the field, were also treated to a tour of the blimp hangar, the construction site of a huge new blimp and the hangar housing test flight planes of all types.

Clorox of the tour came when the scouts witnessed the take-off and flight of a new jet plane now undergoing tests at the field.

Sea, and the scouts making the tour, arranged by Comdr. W. W. Baumeister, USNR, skipper of Sea Scout Ship 111, included Tom Reynolds, Philip Baumeister, Bob Wilcox, Ralph M. Williams, Strommen, Jeff McDougall, James Gilbert, Donald Bruff, Ed Hallett, Dick Walker, Bob Hamilton, Donald Wilford, Donald Stewart, Ed Wilford, Ronald Abrams, Lester Carroll, Bob Sassen and Dave Murch, Ship 111, Burlingame.

Ship 161, Belmont—L. F. Reetz, Bill Sweet, Lee Rogers, Dick Haigh, Paul Hahn, Jim Conner, Jerry Maxwell, Conn Findlay and Jack Reetz.

Ship 145, Redwood City—Joe Sanchez, Frank Martinez, Kenneth Eamer, John Clark, Floyd Watson, Skipper Warner J. Britschgi and Mate Raymond E. Tenzer.

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Explorer Post 7, Redwood City—Bob Linebarger, Allan Malm and Bill Johns.

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Ten Injured

Ten persons were injured during the weekend in two accidents in San Mateo County, the California Highway Patrol reported Monday.

Eight of the injured were taken to Junipero Serra Hospital and five released after treatment for cuts and bruises.

Those still in the hospital Monday were Cecilia Ziegler, 56; Ralph Zeigler, 54, and Leila Stevens, 50, all of San Francisco. The others are Gloria Furness, 19; Phyllis Conn, 18; George N. Smith, 21; James S. Michels, 21, and Elmo E. Stevens, 55, also of San Francisco.

The accident occurred when the car driven by Michels was engaged in a head-on side-slip collision with Stevens' car. Michels told the CHP that he and his three passengers had been attending a wedding reception in San Francisco immediately preceding the accident. Michels was cited for driving over the double line and failing to wear glasses, as was required by his driver's license.

The accident occurred at 9:15 last Sunday on Junipero Serra Blvd., about 800 feet north of the Junipero Serra extension. The car driven by Stevens, a 1936 Buick, was driven by George N. Smith, Miss Conn and Miss Furness were riding with Michels, and the others were in Stevens' car.

Margaret Eden, 48, of 1055 Crane St., Menlo Park, the driver of the son, 20, 500 Douglas Ave., sustained minor cuts and bruises when the car in which they were riding was involved in a collision at the intersection of Jefferson Ave. and Lakeview Way, Emerald Lake, Saturday evening.

They were passengers in a car driven by Richard T. Dring, 21, a cook who lives at 541 MacArthur Ave., Dring's car and an automobile driven by John C. Davis, 29, 74 Hillcrest Way, Collied.

Four cars were involved in a series of rear-end collisions last Sunday on Bayshore Hwy. south of the United Airlines entrance, but no one was injured, the CHP reported. The cars involved were a 1936 Buick, a 1936 Buick, a 1936 Buick, and a 1936 Buick.

Hubert L. Allen, 39, 539 Gilbert St., Palo Alto, suffered minor injuries in a two-car accident Sunday at 7:50 p.m. at Brewster Ave. and El Camino Real.

He had been driving west on Brewster when he was rear-ended by Joseph H. Nutley, 32, 3947 Whittell Ave., Palo Alto, who collided with him while driving south on the highway. Both drivers told police they had the green light.

There were two other minor accidents Saturday and Sunday, neither of which resulted in injuries.

An auto driven by Michael J. Bailey, 159 Nottingham Ave., overturned Saturday at 8:45 p.m. on Woodside Rd. near Valota Rd. The car was driven by John Kambic, 60, 500 Bruno Ave., San Francisco, and Velda S. Kess, 33, La Valle, Wis., collided on El Camino Real at Spruce St. The Kess vehicle struck the rear of the other car. Both were traveling north.

Elects Delegates

Five delegates were elected recently at a meeting of Parlor 66, Native Sons of the Golden West, to the 70th Grand Parlor to be held at Avalon May 21 to 24.

These delegates are John E. Dado, John F. Oliver, A. N. Blomquist, A. S. Liguori and T. M. Blomquist. Alternates for the delegates are Gene Casarotto, Jack Estes, Robert Walling, Anthony Carolla and Aris Partidze.

Past Grand Pres. Wayne R. Millington of Redwood Parlor, and Past Pres. Eugene Cerqui, member of the Redwood Parlor, were in attendance also from the Redwood Parlor.

Miss Dot Fitzmaurice, winner of a recent debate contest held by the parlor, will represent the Redwood Parlor in the National Finals of the Native Sons Public Speaking contest in San Francisco on Friday evening at Reeding School.

Car Theft Charge

Robert H. Keller, 19, 424 Acacia St., San Bruno, was in the San Mateo County Jail Wednesday charged by Redwood City police with automobile theft and suspected of leaving a trail of abandoned stolen cars behind him.

The service station attendant was apprehended by San Carlos police when he speeded through that city during a questioning. The attendant learned he was driving an automobile listed as stolen from Redwood City shortly before. The car had been taken from the Davies Auto Co. lot and was northbound at the time of the arrest.

Police Lt. S. D. Wood said police were investigating the youth because a car stolen from Lomita Park had been found in San Carlos another car stolen from there, and the third car taken from Redwood City. Police, Wood said, suspect Keller may have had something to do with the string of auto thefts and abandonings in his path.

The vehicle taken from San Carlos, however, had not yet been found Wednesday morning.

Name Skanderup

George Skanderup of Redwood City and San Mateo has been named president of the Peninsula Builders Exchange.

Other board members and officers chosen by the membership of the building contractors' organization are Oscar W. Person, vice president; Henry Park, treasurer; Joseph Nash, secretary, and Herman T. Holsher, director at large.

Skanderup, in announcing plans for a Peninsula-wide drive for memberships, said: "By its very nature the Builders' Exchange must play a vital part in the present intensifying development of the Peninsula. Whether by adventure, or not, the contractors' leadership must assume an active and positive part, along with other civic bodies, to assure that our growth is channeled along such lines as will make it one of the outstanding residential areas of America."

Ding Bond Issue

Determined action against the proposed city bond issue was taken Monday by the San Carlos Community Club when it agreed that only the most urgent issue the sewage disposal plant be submitted to the electorate in June and that the other items be reserved until the people have a clearer idea of what they are being asked to spend their money.

A motion that a letter to that effect be sent to the city council was proposed by Benjamin Pfeiffer, board member of the San Carlos Chamber of Commerce and newly elected San Carlos Kiwanis Club president. It was seconded by Mrs. Harry Wade Mahany.

During a lengthy discussion over the bond issue, Chm. Gordon B. Bae called on former Mayor A. H. Sagehorn to enlighten the bond propositions. Sagehorn said he did not care to comment as he had made up his mind to take a very "neutral stand" and besides whatever he might say might be considered as "sour grapes."

Matters which the community, as represented last night, favored the things which the former mayor had enumerated in a postwar statement as improvements for San Carlos which would require a bond issue.

In a 1944 financial statement to the city, Sagehorn pointing out the needs "which now confront us" said, "It does not require the knowledge or advice of an engineer to visualize that money is presently available, will not even remotely cover this city's share of an adequate sewage disposal plant, assuming that a joint project will be carried out with Belmont and that state and/or federal assistance is available."

Immediately following the war, Sagehorn started plans for the plant, holding joint council meetings with Belmont Mayor P. J. Furlong Jr. of Belmont expressed himself recently that "quite a beginning" was accomplished then but that "nothing much has been done since."

In the postwar plans, Sagehorn, advocated a "youth building with a large public meeting hall off of which smaller rooms could be assigned to individual youth groups." This was again brought up last night by the club members who thought a gymnasium entirely inadequate for this as well as superfluous with the existing school gymnasium.

J. Emmett Mahoney, school principal, who was present to show a cancer film, informed the members the school gymnasium was available for the use of the youth.

Councilman John H. Kemp Jr. said that the bond propositions were not drawn up to his satisfaction, but that he had not been consulted and that he had no vote on the recreation commission. He said between now and the next council meeting the town should know what it wants.

Others speaking last night decried the bond issue for the lack of information given out were, Donald Lilly, former council member and recreation commissioner, Miss Anne E. Burt, and Mrs. Charles Cadigan, Girl Scout leader and P-T-A board member.

It was pointed out that another bond issue was scheduled for June, the Sequoia Hospital Dist. vote. The two bond issues were to be held on the hospital board were Hugh Riley, a director, and Sagehorn, treasurer.

Riley asked the San Carlos community to get behind the hospital proposal.

San Carlos Scouts

Purchase of equipment for craftwork to be used by all troops was discussed when the San Carlos Girl Scout executive board met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert Walling, 159 Nottingham Ave., in the city.

The chairman, Mrs. Harland B. Lane, presided.

Mrs. A. S. Kalenborn, finance chairman for Woodhaven, Sequoia Dist., summer camp, addressed the group on ways and means of assisting in financing the camp.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. D. G. Berglund, Sequoia Dist. commissioner; Mrs. E. C. Lyon and Richard Backman, William Groves, William Mohlfield, Charles Cooley, executive board members. Two guests who were present were Ray T. Marsh and Mrs. Charles Norman, to be leaders of prospective troops.

On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. a food sale will be held in San Carlos at Brown's Radio Shop, 567 Laurel St., by San Carlos and Belmont Girl Scout leaders, with Mrs. L. C. Langin, San Carlos, and Mrs. S. Hamilton of Belmont in charge.

Assisting on the committee will be Mmes. James Alberici, Irving Chapman, Charles Cadigan, George Findlay, F. C. Lyon, and T. Stam, Belmont. Proceeds will be donated to the equipment fund for Woodhaven, district Girl Scout summer camp.

Two Injured

Two persons sustained minor injuries last Tuesday in accidents in the north end of San Mateo County, the California Highway Patrol reported today.

Robert C. Cicero, 20-year-old oil company packer of San Francisco, was treated at Junipero Serra Hospital for injuries suffered in a Daly City accident last night. Cicero's car collided at the intersection of Briggs and Washington Sts. with a stake truck driven by Louis A. Ferrari, 28, of San Francisco.

Cicero was cited by the highway patrol for failure to halt at a stop sign.

Arthur Harp, 71, of 1 Mariposa Ave., Brisbane, suffered bruises when he was knocked off a bicycle at San Bruno and Mariposa Aves. in San Bruno. The CHP reported that Harp's bicycle and a car driven by Vern A. Bybee, 29, a salesman who lives at Brisbane, collided. Harp was treated at South San Francisco Hospital.

Walter S. Hoster, 40, 1140 Fulton St., Palo Alto, was arrested five minutes after midnight on a charge of drunken driving.

Hoster, who gave his occupation as a newspaperman, was arrested on Bayshore Hwy. near Burlingame. He is to appear on Apr. 23 before Justice of the Peace William Finger in Burlingame.

Clubs Formed

Zonta International is forming a new chapter in Redwood City. This is the first time that this organization has had chapters on the Peninsula. Originally the plan was to have one chapter to include this city and San Mateo, however, interest became so widespread that two chapters are being formed: one in this city and one in San Mateo-Burlingame.

Zonta is a classified service club for executive women similar to the men's classified service clubs, such as Rotary and Kiwanis.

Objects of the club are to encourage high ethical standards in business and professions, to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women, to encourage, promote and develop the organization of Zonta clubs in all commercial centers of the world, to study the work of existing Zonta clubs and their value to their respective communities and to clear the information thus acquired for the benefit of all, to promote the broad spirit of good fellowship among Zonta clubs, and to work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of executive women in business and professions, united in the Zonta ideal of service.

There are four clubs in Northern California other than the two newly-organized clubs. In 1939, the San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley received charters, and in 1937 the club in Sacramento. There are 11 clubs south of Bakersfield.

In the United States there were 160 clubs up to the convention in October, but many have been organized since that time. Of the 6000 members or more in the United States, almost 1000 of them belong to clubs in California.

The name Zonta is a Sioux Indian name meaning trustworthy and honest.

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Admits Assault

Henry B. Gullbransen, Burlingame cook charged with an ice pick attack on Kurt Massen in San Mateo, late Monday pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon and asked for probation.

Gullbransen entered the plea in superior court before Judge Ayllet R. Cotton after Dep. Dist. Atty. John K. Weeks changed the charge from assault with intent to commit murder to assault with a deadly weapon. Gullbransen will be sentenced on April 21.

Massen, who was thought at the point of death for weeks after the attack, has survived the ice-pick wounds but still is seriously ill.

Lee Castro of San Francisco also pleaded guilty before Judge Cotton to a charge of burglarizing Magnolia Corner, where he obtained 75 cartons of cigarettes and loose change. Castro asked for probation and also will be sentenced on April 21.

Two cases were set for trial early in May before Judge Edmund Scott in Dept. 2.

Tom Upton, a literary association executive whose home is in Beverly Hills, will go on trial May 6 on a charge of manslaughter in the traffic death of Jacqueline Schultz, 19-year-old San Mateo dental technician.

Upton flew here from New York to enter a plea of not guilty to the charge after the San Mateo County Grand Jury returned a secret indictment against him. He was not in court Monday, but was represented by his attorney, Wayne Millington.

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Trio Sentenced

Three men accused of having shot up Sharp Park early Thanksgiving Day have been sentenced to San Quentin for burglaries they committed in Alameda County, Chief Dep. Sheriff Walter Moore announced Monday.

The warrants for the three men from San Mateo County were returned to his office Monday, Moore said.

The men are Robert Ulrich, 35; Richard Urquhart, 46, and Dewey Thompson, 25, all of San Francisco.

About 3 o'clock on Thanksgiving morning, residents of Sharp Park were aroused by gunfire near a Redwood grocery store, shortly after a woman had reported that three men were on the roof of the store.

During a gun battle that resembled Hollywood accounts of Wild West tanktows, about 27 shots were believed to have been exchanged by the besieged bandits and townspeople.

After the bandits escaped, a posse gave chase, but lost the men.

The three who were convicted in Alameda County, were picked up in San Francisco on Nov. 30 in a San Francisco apartment. They were taken to Oakland for questioning in a series of safecracking, a post office burglary and an auto theft.

Garden

Funny isn't it, how every once in a while plants do better with no care or attention than those that get it all? Sort of reminds you of the pampered rich boy who turns out a weakling, while the poor boy shining shoes turns out to be the strong industrial leader. . . .

Horatio Alger, kinda. Here's such a case:

"Last year a neighbor gave me two tomato plants that were from seeds sent from Hawaii," writes E. M. Barrett of Hayward.

"I set them in the far end of the garden and consequently never thought much about them. But they just grew and sprang all over the ground. No water, no cultivation, no tending. Still, they were loaded with tomato many of them larger than a saucer."

"The vines were loaded when frost came, so I brought some in the house to ripen and used them about five weeks later. The vines were too big and heavy to bring in and hang up."

"Other tomatoes I had - don't know the name - I watered, cultivated, sprayed for insects, and used chemical fertilizers. All of the first blossoms fell off and the first growth to be the size of walnut. They had to be cut off."

"I cared for my potatoes like a good gardener should, but they didn't amount to much. One just grew in the grass along the fence and the other one in the corner of the house. So this year I sowed out over the potato patch. I have guinea pigs which will get the oats, so the ground will pay one way or the other, maybe both."

"I'm going all out for organic gardening from now on. The guinea pigs furnish the manure for my compost heaps. One heap should be ready for use in a short time and I will be using two inches thick in the garden."

"Your carrot seed nearly all came up, but the ones that I sowed the night time so I'm broadcasting snail bait in pellet form, and it dead snails and slugs are good for fertilizer. I have plenty of it now."

"Two things I should mention. The snails and slugs should NOT be used as fertilizer. . . . That is, they should be collected and destroyed. If you don't do this, they will stay on top of the ground, they'll attract ants."

And of course, cultivation, spraying, fertilizing and irrigation are to be discouraged in organic growing. Lack of vigor because of moisture and nutrient deficiency is the biggest invitation to blight diseases in my opinion.

F. L. Dixon remarks that her poinsettia doesn't do well. She lives in Richmond, where there's considerable afternoon fog in summer. She says she has a lot of poinsettias and they do well around the bay. You see hundreds in Berkeley, which isn't exactly a summer hot spot, but those I've watched got their share of sun."

"An ammonium sulphate for nitrogen" asks Florence Gilbert. Yes, it contains 20% per cent nitrogen. There are new fertilizers on the market containing 40 to 50 per cent nitrogen. And NH3 carries 82 per cent nitrogen. That's liquid ammonia, under pressure. When pressure is released it becomes a gas in the off of it. It knocks you backwards, almost. Farmers use it in irrigation streams, but for amateurs no way has been devised.

"I can use liquid phosphoric acid though, when dealers make it available. And they should, because the high percentage phosphates have a better chance of letting the roots get the essential nutrient before large parts of it are locked up in combination with other soil chemicals."

Florence Gilbert also writes that some friends of her youth don't believe everything friends tell you. Apple trees are second only to pear trees as the deciduous fruit needing the most spraying during the growing season.

"C. S. Cook wonders 'why more people don't use bands of 'stick-on' around trunks of trees. Apple keeps plenty of pests out of them.'"

Two Hurt

A Redwood City housewife and a San Mateo cabinetmaker were injured last Tuesday when the cars in which they were riding collided with a truck on the intersection of Mont Diablo and Humboldt Sts. in San Mateo.

Patricia Jean Neikirk, 19, received abdominal bruises, was treated and released at Mills Memorial Hospital. She was riding with her husband, William O. Neikirk, 24, 411 Seventh St., Redwood City.

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RC Planners

A petition from M. A. Disernia, 3149 Mission St., San Francisco, requesting permission to split lots on Edgewood Rd. near Blandford Blvd. was denied last Tuesday by the Redwood City Planning Commission.

Disernia was not present at the city hall sessions but a large delegation of Edgewood Rd. property owners fronted by L. A. Behrens was behind the commission that is setting the lot size of 65-foot front lots would damage property values in the district.

Comrs. John Layng moved that the application be denied and the motion was carried unanimously.

J. L. Stevens, referred to the commission by the city council, asked that permission be granted for the erection of a house on a 45-foot front lot formerly owned on Avenue del Ora.

He explained that since he sold the lot the city has rezoned the area from second to first residential and that now it is contrary to ordinance to construct a home on a lot that narrow.

He explained that he had split the lot across the tract from May 1936, and that he had obtained city permission, not knowing that he is required by ordinance to obtain such permission.

Comrs. Ronald Campbell advised him that he should apply for the lot already split. When such permission is obtained, Campbell said, the commission would probably permit the house construction on the narrow lot.

The subdivision would have been permitted before the rezoning.

Chm. Albert H. Morgan Jr. claimed there should be some money for the landowners they must obtain city permission before splitting lots. At the present time some property owners don't know that they must obtain a permission until they apply for a building permit, he said. Building inspectors refuse permits if lots do not meet width and area requirements set by ordinance.

The commission through Morgan, assured residents owners in the Valota Rd. district that no immediate action is contemplated on which they might object to a permission to construct another greenhouse in that district.

City council policy for 10 years has been to refuse such requests. The policy was challenged before the council and the subject was referred to the commission. Since then residence owners have sent a petition protesting any enlargement of greenhouse holdings in the area.

Last Tuesday Morgan said the commission planned to give the property owners a choice. If they are in favor of the zoning ordinance changes suggested by Hahn, Campbell and Associates, the firm which drew the Redwood City master plan.

The commission took no action on the petition from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assn. requesting cooperation. The association, Campbell explained, seeks legislation which would limit the height of structures around airports. He said he doubted the city could do this except where public carriers were involved and that even then it would be a long task.

A suggestion by Layng that the city do something to curb the construction of outsize radio antennae was set aside for study when the commission discusses the new zoning ordinance. Commission Secy Lawrence Wise said that there are a number of federal court decisions which prevent cities from regulating such towers.

The commission voted to recommend the rezoning from second residential to first residential of that area within Oakwood Blvd. East and Oakwood Blvd. West and that area on both sides of Oakwood Dr. from Oakwood Blvd. to within 125 feet of El Camino Real.

An application by Joseph Trask, 911 Fulton St., for permission to raise chinchillas on a lot at Union Ave. and Palm St. was refused. The commission said the zoning ordinance was not intended to grant permission for such a business in that district.

Henry J. Forman, 6 Homer Ln., a neighbor of Forman's, told the Tribune Monday that the Bishop Ln. curve is one of the most dangerous on the Peninsula, and that he had repeated requests by the San Mateo County engineers' office for a sign warning motorists of the danger has been ignored.

In the case of 18-year-old Forman declared, "many people have been killed or seriously injured at this curve. The Hermanson family has been endangered several times. Only a few months ago a car went off the curve, smashed through the side of the house and killed two people in the auto."

In answer to Forman's charge, County Engineer M. Grant today said that numerous attempts to cut brush and remove other obstructions to visibility at the Bishop Ln. curve have met with no success because of resistance by residents of the area.

"The people out there," Grant said, "have complained when we have tried to make the curve safer. They insist that they want the roadside foliage left in all its natural beauty. I am going out there today for a look at the situation, and intend to make recommendations for reducing the traffic hazard, which will include erection of a sign if my recommendations are approved by the California State Automobile Assn."

Peninsula garden clubs will compete with each other in preparing novel and unusual lunch, dinner and bridge table settings for the county-wide rummage sale to be held Apr. 17, 18 and 19 at McKinley School in Burlingame for the benefit of El Portal School.

Mrs. Dorothy Egbert, chairman of the garden mart, is in charge of the table setting feature.

First prizes for the rummage sale will be made at a committee meeting to be held at the El Portal School tomorrow at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Martin Healy presiding. Representatives from the various organizations will attend and give a report on activities.

New members on the list of workers include Mmes. Charles Abraham, Jr., William Dolton, H. M. Hitt, Robert Baldwin, Jack Sherwood, Frank A. Scofield, Paul Legalet, James Bear, Eugene McIver, H. E. Kentfield, Burberick.

Menlo Park

Menlo Park opened proceedings Tuesday night to bring inside its city limits the old Timothy Hopkins property directly across San Francisco Creek from Palo Alto.

The council Tuesday also unanimously elected Mayor Charles P. Burgess for another term.

The city council unanimously passed a resolution calling for annexation and set its May 13 meeting as the hearing day for protests against the action.

The move came after a petition for annexation was submitted to the council by Claude T. Lindsay, owner of the old Hopkins property between the creek and Stanford Village, Middlefield Rd. and the railroad.

Development of the 168 acre area which also includes a 12-acre strip between the railroad and the highway and the 6-acre Morey Tract on the east side of El Camino owned by Stanford University calls for a subdivision built around an extension of Willow Rd.

The Menlo Park and San Mateo County Master Plan extends Willow Rd. across the tract from Mayfield Rd., intersecting Palo Alto Ave., at Alma St.

Plans drawn up by City Engineer Edwin Smith at the direction of the city planning commission, call for the master plan by moving the Willow Rd. extension away from the creek, placing its western terminus on El Camino opposite Cambridge Ave., with a subway under the railroad tracks.

Other features of new subdivision would include two bridges across the creek, one at Alma and another at Waverley St. and another bridge at the intersection of the railroad tracks.

The subdivision will be entirely residential except for a commercial area at the Middlefield and Willow Rd. intersection.

Following the master plan allowing the proposed changes is expected to take place after the area has been annexed by the city.